

APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

Legal Applicant: Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

Application ID: 13TN147551

Program Name: Target Tigua

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

Reviewers' Summary Comments:

- (+) The applicant organization clearly describes the need among its target population as it relates economic disadvantages such as Tribal members having an unemployment rate of 21%; and in 2010, 25% of the Tribal households were below poverty guidelines, compared to 23% for El Paso County and 10% for the nation.
- (+) The applicant organization provides that Tribal members are in lower paying jobs. The discussion includes that occupational data shows a median personal income of \$14,999 compared to \$26,197 nationally, putting the Pueblo's income median at 57% of the rest of nation.
- (+) The applicant organization thoroughly describes its plans to leverage AmeriCorps members to support their mission and oversee functionality of its proposed program. For example, the applicant states that AmeriCorps members will be assigned to four Tribal agencies: Economic Development Department assigned four part-time Members, the Empowerment (Tribal Education) Department assigned six Members, the Environmental Management Office assigned one Member, and the Emergency Management Department assigned one Member.
- (+) The applicant describes management roles and proposed interactions. For example, the target Tigua AmeriCorps program will have a total of six (8) supervisors representing the participating Tribal departments, they are the target Tigua Director (two members), the Small Business Specialist (two members), the Environmental Specialist (one member), Emergency Management Coordinator (one member), the Tribal Empowerment Language Coordinator (two members), the Tribal Empowerment Manager (two members), and Tribal Empowerment Education and Library Manager (two members).
- (+) The applicant organization provides a clear description for how its proposed intervention will have measurable impact. For example, the applicant provides a discussion for how it has measured impact previously and how it has derived the proposed numbers to measure future performance. Members are expected to assist with the data collection and reporting processes.
- (+) The applicant organization describes its plan to measure outcomes. Discussions include clear objectives such as;

Members will have increased knowledge in their respective areas of AmeriCorps service and an increase and development of skills within those areas. The applicant supports measurability by including a discussion of tools it will use to measure success.

(-) The applicant does not provide compelling data to support the need in its target community for high school graduation rates – 82% for target communities compared to the national rate of 85%.